

February 2, 2010

Work Session of the City of Hiram, Georgia
217 Main Street, Hiram, Georgia
Hiram City Hall

The work session for February 2, 2010 of the City of Hiram was called to order by Mayor Rollins at 5pm.

Work Session attendees: Mayor Carmen C. Rollins, Mayor Pro Tem Jack Paris, Councilmember Post 2 Helena Williams, Councilmember Post 3 Teresa Philyaw, Councilmember Post 4 Derrick Battle, Councilmember Post 5 Earlene Graham, City Clerk Terri Holley, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Cynthia Geyer, City Operations Manager Jody Palmer, Interim Police Chief Trey Williams, Chris Barker, Bonnie Hicks, David Hicks, Jonathan Hicks, T Ruth Huggins

1. Ruth Huggins of Park West Realty accompanied by Jonathan Hicks presented a piece of property they would like the City to purchase at Seaboard Street and Seaboard Ave for a future Community Center. The council asked questions and told them that the plans to relocate the police department to the community center had been put on hold until we have looked at other options, so we are not considering a new community center building at this time.

2. Jody Palmer brought the council up to date on agenda items discussed in work session on January 12, 2010. The first item discussed was the water tower agreement for a 10 year maintenance contract. The agreement would include regular inspections and maintenance to the water tower over the 10 year period at an annual cost of \$6,290.00.

The second item was the city survey process, Jody discussed with the council that many of the properties have been surveyed and told the council that a completed map would be ready by the end of the fiscal year June 30.

There was discussion regarding the dam for the lake at Ben Hill Strickland Sr. Park and classification of the lake as to whether it is a lake or a detention pond. Dam has a breach caused by tree roots. According to EPD there should be no trees around a dam. To manage the pond according to stormwater management the lake/pond needs to be drained. Jody would like the council to give him the authority to drain the lake/pond only.

Jody will have cost assessment – per gallon water production by the May 2010 council meeting.

3. Discussion was held to put a committee together for selection of the Police Chief. Teresa Philyaw, Mayor Rollins, Jack Paris, Jody Palmer, Terri Holley volunteered to be on selection committee. Bob Tressel has offered his police back ground knowledge to help with selection also. There was a suggestion that Charlie Schafer be called and asked if he would sit on the committee as well.

4. There was discussion regarding re-opening the community center for public rental for the year 2010. We have opened the community center through March, but no decision was made as to how long the community center will be rentable after March 2010.

Terri Holley
City Clerk